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THE SEWER NOTES.

EX-CHANCELLOR RUNYON SAYS THEY WERE ILLEGALLY ISSUED.

A Little Breeze in the Committee Meeting Over the Matter.

Committeeman Thomas Oakes was the only member absent at the special meeting of the Township Committee on Monday. Mr. Stout requested Town Counsel Barrett to read an opinion relating to the validity of the sewer contract between this town and the city of Orange.

Mr. Barrett pulled a voluminous document from his pocket and was proceeding to read it when Mr. Gilbert interrupted by stating that he did not know that the Committee had asked for an opinion on the sewer contract.

Mr. Stout replied that he, as Town Treasurer, had applied for and procured the opinion and would explain his action further on. Mr. Barrett then proceeded to read what he termed an opinion from ex-Chancellor Runyon on the subject of the sewer contract. The opinion was a very long one, going into the details of the law.

It was somewhat difficult for a layman to understand it in all its details, but in substance it appeared to be that although the laws were very much mixed up on the subject of sewerage in the townships, the Township Committee had a right to make a contract to use the sewer of the city of Orange, that the contract having been authorized by resolution instead of by ordinance it was illegal, and the notes issued to meet its payments were involved also. It appeared from the opinion that by proper procedure a new and valid contract could be made and new and good securities issued to meet the necessary payments.

The effect of the opinion, Mr. Barrett said, was that while the Committee had a right to make a contract, it should have proceeded under an ordinance instead of by resolution, and the Committee should take steps to correct the error by making a new contract in pursuance of an ordinance.

Mr. Stout then gave a full explanation of the reasons that prompted him as Town Treasurer to apply to Chancellor Runyon for the opinion. He presented the township note to the amount of over \$10,000 at the Bloomfield National Bank for discount. The Board of Directors, acting on the advice of their counsel, Dr. Harry E. Richards, declined to discount the note. The question was raised that in making a contract in pursuance of a resolution and not in pursuance of an ordinance, as the law required the Committee, was proceeding illegally, and the bank was assuming a great risk in discounting notes issued by the Committee in payment of sewer bills. He realized that the town was in a serious dilemma. Orange could demand the money and the town had no means of raising it. In consultation with other members of the Committee it was thought best that the treasurer obtain an opinion from eminent counsel that would set matters at rest and enable the Committee to disentangle itself. Ex-Chancellor Runyon had been recommended as an authority of high standing, and he was accordingly consulted.

Committeemen Rayner and Gilbert were very much chagrined over the fact that the opinion had been obtained without first calling the whole Committee together. Mr. Rayner in particular thought that he as Chairman of the Sewer Committee should have been consulted in the matter.

Mr. Beach said that he was one of those who advised the treasurer's action, and did not think at the time that it was necessary to call the Committee together. He realized that the town was in a serious predicament and thought that the best way to do was to quietly go to work to get out of it.

Mr. Gilbert asked why the Treasurer had not taken the note to some other bank. Mr. Beach replied that the Treasurer after being kicked out of one bank probably did not feel like going to other banks with a discredited paper. The error is not an irreparable one and can be remedied. The same thing happened in Orange. It will be a fortunate thing for the town if graver complications do not arise before the sewer is completed.

Montclair Gets an Opinion. The township of Montclair paid \$600 for an opinion from Judge Stevens and John W. Taylor as to the method in which to proceed in making a contract with the city of Orange for the outlet sewer. These eminent counsel advised the Committee to proceed by resolution. This seems to conflict with the opinion rendered by ex-Chancellor Runyon. Montclair proposes to stand by the Stevens-Taylor opinion.

Licenses Granted. Tavern licenses were granted to the following persons by Judge Kirkpatrick on Tuesday: W. R. Courter, Edward F. Damon, Thomas Hallman, Daniel S. Atkes, and William Brooks.

Try our celebrated \$3 hand-sewed shoes, in all styles and widths, for ladies and gents, at Shoenthal's, -Advt.

GUILD HOUSE CONCERT.

An Attractive Programme of Soprano and Whistling Solos, Humorous Recitals, Ventriloquism, and Orchestral Selections.

The Men's Guild of Christ Church announce what would appear to be an unusually good entertainment, which is to include soprano and whistling solos by Miss Agnes E. Bowen of Brooklyn, who is the soprano soloist of one of the leading Baptist churches in that city; recitals by Miss Adele Weber, who made such a success at the first Star Course concert; humorous selections by the always popular John F. Dillon, a ventriloquist scene by Mr. Harry White, and a Newark orchestra of eight instruments. Prof. Wm. C. Piderit will preside at the piano. This is the first entertainment given by the Men's Guild, and the fine array of talent engaged indicates that it will be the means of affording much enjoyment to the large audience expected to be present. Popular prices have been decided upon, as reserved seats are to be sold at 50 cents. A few will also be sold at half price to children. Tickets are now selling rapidly.

A Sunday Evening Address. Dr. C. S. Stockton of Newark will deliver an address on Sunday evening in the Glen Ridge Church, taking for his subject, "Great Believers." This lecture which Dr. Stockton gives at the request of his friends, was first delivered in Dr. Deane's Church in New York. It has appeared in one of the magazines, and has received the hearty endorsement of Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, who said of it "I would like to see it in print and in the hands of every young man in this land." Dr. Stockton has many friends in Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, and it is hoped that a large audience will be present Sunday night.

Officers Elected.

At the last meeting of Excelsior Lodge, 2372, Knights of Honor, the following were elected as officers for 1893: Past Dictator, Robert W. Farrand; Dictator, Abel P. Campbell; Vice-Dictator, Edward Turner; Assistant Dictator, Thos. B. Mitchell; Reporter, Willis H. Cadmus; Financial Reporter, C. L. Voorhees; Treasurer, George M. Cadmus; Chaplain, Lewis Dawkins; Guide, Ira C. Cadmus; Guardian, William J. Bailey; Sentinel, Enoch Chatterton; Trustees, Charles M. Robotham, Lewis Dawkins, Fred. Berstocher; Representative to the Grand Lodge, Lewis Dawkins; Alternate, Wm. J. Bailey.

The Board of Health met on Monday afternoon.

A petition signed by property-owners on Washington Street requested the Board to take some action to prevent the dumping of filthy garbage on George Roubaud's lots in that street. A letter from Mr. Roubaud was read stating that he was going to forbid the use of the property as a dumping ground. This was satisfactory to the Board, and no action was deemed necessary. Mr. Roubaud said that it was his intention to have the lots filled with ashes and other material that would not create a nuisance, but his plan had failed.

How the Mill Was Christened.

T. Oakes & Co.'s new mill presented a lively appearance last Friday evening at a reception given by the firm to their employees and friends. The room was handsomely decorated with flags. Maier & Kauffman's orchestra furnished the music, and the grand march was led by James Bailey and Miss Alice Crane. Supper was served at midnight. The members of the firm were present and enjoyed the scene very much. The party ended early in the morning, all pronouncing it a great success.

Caught in the Act.

For some time past A. Day, the well-known baker, has been missing feed, etc., from his stable in the rear of his store. On Monday night Richard Maxwell, who was watching in the barn, saw Robert Furman, an elongated colored man, walk in and quietly shoulder a bag oats and start to make his exit. Richard placed a heavy hand on the surprised man's shoulder, and in the morning Justice Post committed him to jail in default of \$500.

Edward Beames Disappears.

Edward Beames, the hackman at the Glenwood Avenue depot, has suddenly disappeared and the efforts of his relatives to discover his whereabouts have proved futile. He was complaining of ill health just before his disappearance.

One Year in the Penitentiary.

John Lynch of Franklin Avenue, who cut Mr. Campbell's left ear with a knife a few weeks ago in a saloon near the Incline Plane, was sentenced on Monday to one year in the Penitentiary at Calwell.

Santa Claus has come to C. C. Dawkins in a Great Big Box. Come and see all the pretty and useful things he brought. C. C. Dawkins, 18 Broad Street. -Advt.

Gen. M. Wood has for sale Grandmother's Compound Herb Tea for coughs, colds, constipation and liver troubles. Try it, 25cts. -Advt.

WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE

The Town Committee Refuse to Lease the Bell Tower.

The question of leasing the bell tower from Essex Truck Company and assuming responsibility for any damages that might be incurred from the fall of the building came up again at the special meeting of the Town Committee on Monday afternoon, and much of the old straw was again thrashed, culminating in a decisive vote on the question which resulted in a decision against assuming the responsibility. Messrs. Rayner and Gilbert argued the case for the firmen, and Messrs. Stout, Beach, Lockwood, and Hummel against.

Mr. Rayner called the matter up. Mr. Stout said that it was a very serious matter for the Committee as trustees of the township to assume on behalf of the people the responsibility for damages resulting from the possible fall of a decrepit building, simply for the sake of relieving the members of the Truck Company from it. Mr. Stout doubted whether the Committee had the power to place such responsibility on the people, and he had graver doubts of the personal responsibility of individual members of the Committee.

Mr. Lockwood concurred with Mr. Stout as to the power of the Committee to place such a responsibility on the taxpayers. He did not think it was right to keep a structure standing that was such a menace to life and property, and if it was in the condition that it had been represented to be it ought to be torn down.

Mr. Stout said there was nothing within the power of the Committee but what he was disposed to do to relieve the Truck Company, but he was not disposed as a trustee of the people to shift the responsibility on them.

Mr. Rayner said he did not think there was any imminent danger of the tower falling. The lease in question was simply an agreement on the part of the town to indemnify the members of the Truck Company individually and collectively in case of damages. As it stood now the Truck Company is responsible. They can be sued and damages recovered. They want to place themselves in a position where they can look to the town to reimburse them for any amount they might have to pay out.

Mr. Rayner spoke of the advantages of the bell as a central fire alarm, and did not see what the Committee could do if the machinery was ordered out of the tower. He would be glad if the Committee would take the responsibility of the Fire Committee. "If you vote against the lease you are responsible," he said.

Mr. Lockwood again said that there seemed to be only one thing to do, and that was to take the tower down and remove the danger.

Mr. Gilbert said that George W. Cadmus had given his opinion that the tower would stand at least six months or a year without danger of falling, and possibly five years. Mr. Gilbert spoke at considerable length on the enterprise shown by the company, and how the public had benefited from their work. It was no advantage to the company, he said, to have the alarm in the tower. No private citizen had done as much for the benefit of the public as the Truck Company had.

Mr. Stout in reply to Mr. Gilbert said that there had been no insinuation made that the company gained any benefit from the alarm. He was not aware that the company was making any repairs to the tower. He thought the town did all that. He was willing to spend all the money necessary to keep the structure in repair, but did not believe that the Committee could make the responsibility binding on the people. In respect to the efficiency of the Department Mr. Stout said it was and always had been very efficient.

Mr. Lockwood said that no opinion expressed in the discussion of this subject ought to be considered as antagonistic to the Fire Department. "We all recognize its efficiency."

Mr. Gilbert said that the Truck Company was prompted by a high motive in this matter.

Mr. Beach asked Mr. Rayner point blank if he thought the Town Committee had power to assume this responsibility.

Mr. Rayner replied, "Yes, I do."

Messrs. Beach and Rayner entered into a discussion of the law of liability, in which Mr. Beach claimed that in the event of the Committee accepting the lease persons frequenting the Truck-house could not expect damages in case of injury, as they would be blameable for contributory negligence. At this point Mr. Hummel took part in the debate, and said all the talk over the matter was simply a loss of time. "If the tower needs repairing we will spend money to do it. We have no right to lease it. If it is unsafe it ought to come down. If it can be made safe with a certain sum of money, let us vote that money."

Mr. Stout said the Committee had made one effort in that direction. He

asked Mr. Rayner if it would mitigate the danger if the Committee employed a competent architect to make an inspection of the tower and have it repaired under his supervision.

Mr. Gilbert asked what the effect would be if the company deeded the property to the town.

Mr. Lockwood suggested the placing of a steam whistle at the pin factory.

Mr. Stout said such an arrangement would enable the weight to be removed from the tower.

Mr. Rayner said that the removal of the weights would lessen the danger.

A vote was then taken, and the lease rejected.

Glen Ridge Episcopalians.

A meeting of some of the Episcopalians of Glen Ridge was held in the Glen Ridge Hall on Monday evening to consider the advisability of establishing an Episcopal Church in that place, a much felt want, as the town is rapidly growing. The growth being in the part of Glen Ridge farthest from either of the neighboring Episcopal churches, making it very inconvenient and in bad weather almost impossible to attend the services, and the little children are cut off from the Sunday-school.

Mr. Robert Belloni was appointed chairman of the meeting and Mr. Francis Skelding Secretary. After a clear statement of the object of the meeting and reading of that portion of the canons of the church, relative to the forming or organizing missions and parishes, a paper was prepared and circulated among the people, and more than the necessary number of names, both male and female, were added to it.

This paper will be presented to the Bishop of the Diocese and will go through the necessary routine, and if the approval of the standing committee is gained the mission of St. Mark's will be organized.

The building fund at present in bank amounts to nearly two thousand dollars, and a very desirable lot has been donated, so there is every reason to believe that with firm purpose and earnest work and the co-operation of all the church people of Glen Ridge the Episcopalians will very soon enjoy a church of their own in that place.

Undecided plans for the future have been formed, but it is thought that services will likely be held in the hall until the church building can be erected.

A Horse Man Reminded.

Mrs. J. E. Jacobus of Glen Ridge, with her two daughters Annie and Rose, had a thrilling experience in Roseville on Tuesday, and the ladies perhaps owe the preservation of their lives to a young man named James Sullivan. Mrs. Jacobus and her two daughters were out driving. The horse took fright in Roseville and Mrs. Jacobus was unable to control it. It dashed along Roseville Avenue at a frightful speed. Sullivan, who is in the employ of Counselor Frank McDermitt, hearing the screams of the women, ran to the rescue. At the risk of his life he took a position where he could make a grab for the bridle-rein. He succeeded in grasping it, but was dragged a long distance before he could bring the horse to a standstill, and not, however, before the carriage had been overturned and the ladies thrown out. Fortunately for the occupants of the carriage, Sullivan had the horse almost under control before the upset occurred. The ladies escaped with severe bruises. Mrs. Jacobus presented Sullivan with \$40 as a reward for his bravery.

Christmas Presents.

Samuel Peloubet, the hardware merchant, has enlarged his store by the addition of the portion formerly occupied by Nathan Russell for a real estate office. This gives Mr. Peloubet the advantage of another show window which he has made good use of by an attractive display of his wares, a large number of which are especially appropriate to the holiday times for presents. A present from among the class of goods that Mr. Peloubet displays has the double advantage of being especially pleasing and practically useful. He is carrying a large stock of household utensils and is selling at the lowest market prices.

Business Men Eat.

An enjoyable time was had at Leuthausser's Hotel last Saturday evening, the occasion being the first banquet of the newly organized Bloomfield Pleasure Club. Twenty persons sat down to an elegant stewed rabbit supper, prepared under the direction of mine Host Leuthausser, the president of the organization. After doing the leading subject ample justice, speeches, songs, etc., were indulged in. The club will hold their next banquet at the American House next month. A large number of applications for membership have been made.

A Successful Hunter.

"Allie" Crockett of Franklin Avenue returned last week from a very successful hunting trip in Pike County, Pa. Besides a number of rabbits and twenty-two partridge, Mr. Crockett killed three deer, two bucks and one doe, weighing more than three hundred pounds.

Philip Batzie, the popular boot and shoe dealer of Glenwood Avenue, is giving away a handsome and useful Christmas souvenir to every purchaser of boots or shoes. -Advt.

Full line of rubber goods at Shoenthal's. -Advt.

Bowling at the Olympic.

The Amateurs and Cyclers met last Tuesday night to begin their series for a prize ball. Two games were rolled, and each team placed one victory to its credit. The date of the final game has not as yet been decided upon, but will be announced later. The friends of both teams are confident that their champions will carry off the ball.

People who are suffering from lung troubles would do well to ally themselves to some one of these bowling teams and join the small army of "rooters" present at every match. The vocal exhortations would do them good.

On Thursday evening the Cyclers met the Mineola team of Brooklyn on the Olympic alleys. As in previous contests their friends were out in full force to encourage them. The Cyclers again added to their past achievements by winning two of the three games bowled. The team scores for the series were, first game, Cyclers 795, Mineola 765; second, Cyclers 707, Mineola 694; third, Cyclers 780, Mineola 803. The Cyclers are to meet the Mineola team in the near future, and their many friends will await with interest the result of these games.

Another bowling club has been organized and secured the alleys for Tuesday evenings. This leaves but one evening of the week on which the club alleys are not taken. On Friday evening a club consisting of about twenty ladies and gentlemen from East Orange have the alleys. They are unable to indulge in bowling in Orange and seem to highly appreciate the privileges of the Olympic.

The following are the Olympic scores for the week: H. M. More 216, H. S. Parker 204, A. L. Barnes 203, H. Bogart 195, W. B. Broughton 192, A. Dailey 191, Rev. E. A. White 187, Mrs. F. C. Van Auken 139, Miss G. E. Bancroft 138.

The A. M. E. Bazaar.

The bazaar of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will open in Spragg's Pavilion on Wednesday of next week and be continued until the 24th. The fair is for the benefit of the church building fund. There will be many lively attractions there—art gallery, post-office, fish-pond, brass band and different features every night. The following ladies and gentlemen, prominent in the colored society of the town, will be in attendance at the fair: Mrs. Joseph Jackson, Mrs. Gibbons Strother, Mrs. William Brolls, Miss Millie Mills, Miss Sarah Wilson, Mrs. Matilda Johnson, Mrs. F. R. Wilson, Miss Jackson, Miss M. Tynes, Mrs. James H. Sigler, Mrs. Adelle Strother, Miss A. Howard, Miss Gertrude Jackson, James Sigler, Watson Thornton, J. W. Young, Mr. Reddon, and the Rev. Thomas Chase, pastor.

Bloomfield's Humorist.

Mr. John F. Dillon will be the humorist at the Guild House entertainment next Monday evening, December 19th. Mr. Dillon, we observe, is announced to give four selections, which, with his encores, may be interpreted to mean eight, for the audience is certain to insist on the genial John doing double work, for every one likes fun, and certainly Mr. Dillon is able to supply it in most liberal quantities.

Dame Rumor says that negotiations are pending which may afford neighboring towns an opportunity to hear and see more of Mr. Dillon's humorous work. This is as it should be, but let our neighbors at once see to it that their vest buttons are well sewed on before attending any "show" in which Mr. Dillon is to participate.

Officers of the C. B. L.

The annual meeting of Bloomfield Council, No. 78, Catholic Benevolent Legion, was held on Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected: President, Emil Schill; Vice-President, Henry Van Dershan; Secretary, Frank B. Dailey; Treasurer, Michael Duggan; Collector, John Honan; Marshal, John Van Dershan; Orator, George Roach; Guard, John O'Hara; Chaplain, Rev. J. M. Nardello; Trustees, Charles Murray, John McGrath, Francis O'Brien; Representative to State Council, Charles Flanagan; Alternate, Frank B. Dailey.

Choosing by Vote.

At the Star Course Entertainment last Wednesday evening a vote of the audience was taken to decide which lecture Mr. Ragan should give January 11. The result showed an astonishingly close contest, as "Paris" received 182 votes and "Shakespeare" 183. The winning side vigorously applauded when Mr. J. S. Vale announced the fact.

Death of William F. Wallace.

William F. Wallace, a young man formerly residing in Soho, and who was well known in Bloomfield, died at Phoenix, Arizona, last Sunday, at the age of thirty-two years. His death was caused by consumption.

J. P. Scherff has for sale Grandmother's Compound Herb Tea for coughs, colds, constipation and liver troubles. Try it, 25cts. -Advt.

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THE EFFECTS OF RUM.

Frederick Kuffer Nearly Chokes His Wife.

Frederick Kuffer, a big Swede residing on Broad Street, got full of crazy rum on Tuesday night and attempted to take his wife's life. He seized the poor woman by the throat and holding her over the balustrade choked her into insensibility. Kuffer was about to throw her down when help arrived. Mrs. Kuffer was taken care of by a neighbor, while the frenzied man barricaded himself in his apartments with his young babe, and spent the night in cutting the furniture and the floors of the rooms to pieces. Messengers were sent out in search of an officer, but of course none could be found. One officer, it is said, told a messenger that he could get there at noon. A warrant was procured from Justice Post, and it may be said to his credit that he searched diligently for some one to serve the warrant. Officers Collins and Baylis arrested the man, and he was sent to jail. Kuffer is noted for his desperate character and a short time ago got himself into trouble by whipping a score of farm hands.

Fairview Letter.

DEAR CITIZEN: It having been some little time since you heard from the heights of Fairview, we thought we would drop you a few lines and let you and the many readers of your paper know that the denizens of that most lovely portion of Bloomfield are still in a flourishing condition, especially those who make up that worthy body known as the Fairview Improvement Association, which met on Monday evening, the 12th inst., at the residence of our very efficient and genial Secretary, W. R. Hanna. Our meeting was a very pleasant and social affair, as it was the last meeting of the fifth year of the existence of our Association. Like veterans we took a retrospective view of the battles fought and the victories won, and all seemed pleased and measurably satisfied with results; and as the writer looked into the faces of the members, both official and private, he saw there depicted a determination to press forward in a solid phalanx, shoulder to shoulder, in the duties that may devolve upon them in the future.

The meeting adjourned till the coming holidays are past with fraternal good wishes of happiness and pleasure as the merry Christmas and the glad New Year's day were ushered in upon them. The next meeting of the Association will be a very important one, as it is the annual meeting for the election of officers, and go doubt it will be quite an exciting one. It will be held at the house of the President, Mr. C. L. Potter, on January 9.

The people of Fairview have been quite excited during the past week, as two surveying parties have been driving stakes in different localities, apparently for the purpose of establishing routes for new railroads through the heart of Fairview; one route takes off the corners of two houses and sweeps one standing between them out entirely. The Fairview Improvement Association has not yet appointed a committee to look after the railroad companies, but will when further developments seem to require it. Some say it is the Pennsylvania Railroad, some the Central of New Jersey, and others the Erie. When we find out we will communicate with THE CITIZEN unless THE CITIZEN finds out before we do. Some of our people think it would be a fine thing to have a railroad run so near us, especially those who do business in New York. Others who have children fear that some of their little ones may be run over by the horrid train, and others that their sleep will be disturbed.

It is reported by a snowbird that resides in Fairview that the 12th of March next will be celebrated in Bloomfield in a grand manner by many of the survivors who nearly lost their lives in the fearful blizzard that took place just five years ago on that date. There will probably be a banquet on that occasion, followed by blood-curdling speeches by the dire sufferers who barely survived that terrific storm. Particulars further on. Hints have been thrown out that Fairview is about to play the little game of Glen Ridge, to wit, to seek to be set off as a township by itself, as we have got everything from the township that we want, and the present star-chamber, afternoon-session Township Committee have found it out. Now, the reason that Glen Ridge is not to-day a separate township is because "a house divided against itself will fall." Had they an Association as powerful and united as that of Fairview, their end would have been accomplished long ere this. And it is the candid opinion of the writer that when Fairview seeks a separation from the township of Bloomfield, if the enterprise is backed up by the Fairview Improvement Association as a unit, it will be accomplished. S. C. BERTOP.

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